

# List of hunting deities

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A **hunting deity** is a god or goddess in mythology associated with the hunting of animals and the skills and equipment involved. They are a common feature of polytheistic religions.

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*The Wild Hunt of Odin* (1872) by Peter Nicolai Arbo, depicting the Wild Hunt of European folklore

## Anglo-Saxon mythology

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- Wōden, leader of the Wild Hunt

## Aztec mythology

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- Mixcoatl, god of hunting.
- Opochtli, god of fishing.

## Celtic mythology

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- Cernunnos, a horned god associated with fertility and hunting
- Nodens, god associated with healing, the sea, hunting and dogs
- Arawn, king of Annwn in some Welsh legends and associated with hunting, dogs and stags
- Gwyn ap Nudd, another king of Annwn in Welsh Mythology, associated with the Wild Hunt
- Vosegus, Gaulish god of hunting and forests; gives his name to the Vosges region

## Chinese mythology

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- Fu Xi, the creator of fishery.
- Jiang Ziya, a god of fishery.

## Egyptian mythology

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- Neith, goddess of war and the hunt
- Pakhet, a lioness huntress deity, whom the Greeks associated with Artemis
- Wepwawet, god of hunting and war, along with funerary practices

## Filipino mythology

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- Anlabban: the Isnag deity who looks after the general welfare of the people; special protector of hunters<sup>[1]</sup>
- Kabigat: the Bontok goddess of the moon who cut off the head of Chal-chal's son; her action is the origin of headhunting<sup>[2]</sup>
- Cain: the Bugkalot headhunter creator of mankind; gave customs to the people; lived together with Abel in the sky but separated due to a quarrel<sup>[3]</sup>
- Kalao: Bugkalot spirit birds;<sup>[4]</sup> depicted as red hornbills who guide and protect hunters and their soul<sup>[5]</sup>
- Ga'ek Spirits: Bugkalot spirits in the Ga'ek magic plant used in relation to hunting and fishing; the naw-naw prayer is given to them<sup>[6]</sup>
- Kedes: the Aeta god of the hunt<sup>[7]</sup>
- Amanikable: the Tagalog god of the sea who was spurned by the first mortal woman; also a god of hunters<sup>[8][9]</sup>
- Alagaka: the Tagalog protector of hunters<sup>[10]</sup>
- Paglingniyalan: the Tagalog god of hunters<sup>[11]</sup>
- Okot: the Bicolano forest god whose whistle would lead hunters to their prey<sup>[12]</sup>
- Bakero & Tawo-nga-talonon: Ati spirits of the forest; the first-fruits sacrifices of the hunt are offered to them through bits of meat, which would bring good luck to the people<sup>[13]</sup>
- Esa': a Batak ancestor whose movements created the landscapes, which he named during a hunting journey with his dogs, who were after wild pigs<sup>[14]</sup>

- True: the Mamanwa deity of the forest and herder of hunting animals<sup>[15]</sup>
- Sugudun: also called Sugujun; the Manobo god of hunters and trappers<sup>[16]</sup>
- Abog: the Bagobo god of hunters<sup>[17]</sup>

## Finnish mythology

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- Mielikki, goddess of forests and the hunt
- Nyyrikki, god of the hunt
- Tapio, East Finnish forest spirit to whom men prayed before a hunt

## Georgian mythology

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- Apsat, god of the hunt, associated with fish and birds
- Dali, goddess of the hunt, associated with horned beasts of the mountain

## Greek mythology

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- Aristaeus, god of bee-keeping, cheese-making, herding, olive-growing and hunting
- Artemis, goddess of the hunt, wild animals and the moon
- Pan, in addition to being a god of the wild and shepherds, was also a hunting god.
- Persephone, the goddess of life and death, also known for being Hades' wife

## Hindu mythology

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- Banka-Mundi, goddess of the hunt and fertility
- Rudra, Rigvedic god associated with wind or storm, and the hunt
- Bhadra, god of hunting, one of Shiva's ganas

## Hittite mythology

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- Rundas, god of the hunt and good fortune

## Inuit mythology

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- Arnakuagsak, goddess responsible for ensuring the hunters were able to catch enough food and that the people remained healthy and strong
- Arnapkapfaaluk, sea goddess who inspired fear in hunters
- Nerrivik, the sea mother and patron of fishermen and hunters
- Nujalik, goddess of hunting on land
- Pinga, goddess of the hunt, fertility, and medicine
- Sedna, goddess of the sea, marine animals, and sea hunting
- Tekkeitsertok, god of hunting and master of caribou

## Mbuti mythology

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- Khonvoum, supreme god of the Mbuti people in central Africa; the "great hunter"

## Mesoamerican mythology

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- Ah Tabai, Maya god of the hunt
- Mixcoatl, Aztec god of hunting
- Sip, a hunting god often shown with deer ears and antlers
- Yum Kaax, Maya god of the forest and the protector of game animals

## Norse mythology

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- Skaði, a jötunn and goddess associated with bowhunting, skiing, winter, and mountains
- Ullr Norse god of hunting, mountains, archery, and skiing.

## Roman mythology

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- Diana, goddess of the hunt, wild animals and the wilderness; the counterpart of Artemis, goddess of the hunt and wild. Twin sister of Apollo. Daughter of Leto and Jupiter.

## Siberian mythology

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- Bugady Musun, Evenki mother goddess of animals
- Hinkon, Tungusic lord of the hunt

## Slavic mythology

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- Devana, goddess of the hunt; the Slavic equivalent of the Roman goddess Diana

## Thracian mythology

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- Bendis, goddess of the hunt and the moon, whom the Greeks associated with Artemis
- Thracian horseman, a hunting god on horseback.

## Yoruba mythology

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- Ogoun or loa, the Two-Spirit orisha who presides over fire, iron, hunting, politics and war
- Oshosi, the orisha also known as the "hunter of a single arrow", also the deity of the forests.
- Yoruba mythology Etymology: from the Yoruba people in West Africa to include the countries Nigeria and Benin, foreparents to practices or Santería, Lucumí, and other religions of the Caribbean, and the Americas.

## Other

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- Herne the Hunter, leader of the Wild Hunt.
- The Horned God, the Neopagan god of the sun, masculinity, nature, and hunting.

## See also

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- Lord of the animals

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